July, 1984 the Pakistan President is reported to have said that Pakistan had very cogent reasons for backing muslims in India as they were slaughtered in communal riots by the majority Hindu population, but Pakistan did not do so.

Setting up of an Atomic Power Plant in West Bengal

1769. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Statesman' dated the 15th June, 1984, regarding the setting up of an Atomic Power Plant in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A decision on the location of sites for future atomic power station in the Eastern Electricity Region can be taken only after the report of the Site Selection Committee is received and considered by Government.

Extradition of Dr. Jagjit Singh Chauhan

1770. SHRI BHIM RAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approached the Government of United Kingdom for the extradition of Dr. Jagjit Singh Chauhan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) In 1976, our High Commission in London had informed the British Government that passport of Dr. Jagjit Singh Chauhan had been revoked and asked for his deportation. The British Government refused the request on the ground that provisions for deportation were not designed to meet requests of this kind.

Casual labourers working in the Department of Ocean Development

1771. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of casual labourers in the Department of Ocean Development who have been made regular during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of casual labourers who have been working for more than two years and have not been made regular and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have formulated any time-bound programme for making them regular, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V PATIL): (a) (i) During the year 1982: Nil

(ii) During the year 1983: Nil.

(iii) During the year 1984; Five

(b) Nil.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Casual labourers working in the Department of Science and Technology

1772. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of casual labourers in the Department of Science and